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What Is It That Lord Lansdowne

in Lord Lanspowne's remarkable letter either selfish politics or the cowardice of yellow pacifism; not even war weariness, except in the sense that all just and candid men are at all times ready to declare themselves weary of war and its horrors and its menace of certain ruin to civilization if indefinitely prolonged. Lord LANS-DOWNE is something besides a states-NORTHCLUFE or any other Briton in public life.

On no other basis than this can the in Lord Lansbowne's pronouncement be considered either by foe or friend. His purpose is the same as that Which Woodbow Wilson and Clemen-CEAU and LLOYD GEORGE represent in proposing once more a clearer definitis now fighting. tion of the aims of war as a means Atties by coordinating opinions now different quarters.

Keeping in mind the unmistakable point of view from which Lord Lans-DOWNE Is regarding events, we may proceed to inquire how far his main Wilson, for example.

annihilate Germany as a great Power. own fireside. Directions and formus "knocking over the pot of greasy no sane and responsible quarter. to know himself which side his bread Lord LANSDOWNE leaves plenty of labuttered on. crush this sort of power out of Germany's national greatness?

2. That we do not seek to impose own choice. Here Lord LANSDOWNE is in exact accord with the principle of the right of choice of government which President Wilson defined in the historic address in which he asked our Congress to declare war ppon the Kaiser. Recall what the American President then said: We accept the gage of buttle; we are glad to fight for the ultimate peace of the world and the liberation of is peoples; we are fighting "for the rights of nations, great and small, and the privilege of men everywhere to choose their near of life and of phedience." The words italicized are quoted from Mr. Wilson's utterance, not from Lord LANSDOWNE'S. They afford a sufficient answer to the idea that in Lansbowne's suggestion there is aught that truckles to German autocracy, or recedes from positions previously taken by the Allies. For the right of the German people to medience and their own form of government is as indisputable as the hibited." right of Belgium and of Serbia not to have a form of government other than of their own choice imposed upon them by the military power of Germany. The test of democracy as against autocracy is not the form of government which democracy elects to maintain, but the right of the people to make the choice.

3. That, war measures apart, we have no desire to deny to Germany a place among the great commercial communities of the world. Once more the Conservative statesman in Lon-

Here LANSDOWNE and Wilson are cause "It isn't done." again as one.

in any adjustment of world relations served in the main, and surely the civilized methods, such questions of ners calls it, in the matter of horse sensus of civilized world opinion, day of the week? the next in his series.

DOWNE goes just as far and no far- , case it is a false plea. ther than the Government of the United States has gone in the utterances of its President, "A steadfast concert for peace can never be main- violently descriptive tales of the early tained except by a partnership of period of the war may find a familiar democratic nations"-that is, nations note in the following lines: which have themselves chosen the form in which they render obedience Holds Out to the World?

Only the narrowest partisanship or the world is in such a concert, or was lovely, but the wind blinded us as the crazlest jingolsm can discover league, or prenership, or dominion; we looked. Now and then we sang to and here Lord Lanshowne is adding prove our spirits were still strong—the his individual word concerning the words fell hourse and without music generally recognized international ju- from our blistered lips. We talked of risprudence of the future.

THE SEX agrees entirely and unqualifiedly with Lord Lanspowne in the bellef that if the foregoing purposes of the Allies were made clear to the minds of the people of Germany there would result an immense man of keen vision and judgment stimulus to the cause of peace and ripened by wide experience; he is the desire in that country for peace. a patriotic Englishman, as stanch a In proposing such an enunciation of supporter of his country's cause and war aims we do not regard Lord its flag as Lloyd George or Lord Lansbowne as weakening in any respect on the direct issues of the conflict, or as receding one millimeter from the only position that is concelypropositions and suggestions contained able in the case of a British statesman or of an American patriot, with regard, for instance, to justice and reparation to Belgium and the other sufferers' by the violation of those natural and national rights for which common. And instead of dealing a America, together with France and blow at efficient unity of action by Britain and Italy and the other affles,

The military situation is as before. toward peace, Lansbowne is seeking Meanwhile every clarification, such as to strengthen the solidarity of the that which Lord LANSBOWNS, in an impulse of lofty and intelligent pa-Vaguely or diversely entertained in triotism, has undertaken to help bring about in Germany, counts both for peace and for victory.

Uses of Farm Adversity.

ers of opinion, President Woodsow ticeable to his city critic, has a certain almost uncanny faculty of figur 1. The discinimer of any intent to ing things out in the solitude of his Lieutenant Green casually mentions Why don't you talk to me?" the youth ex- he may come from a department in pressed, its expression has come from Washington, but the farmer is likely

room for the obvious distinction be- Came the high cost of stock feeds tiveen the elimination of the over- and with it the complaint that the bearing militaristic power that threat- farmer could no longer afford to keep to know, though not quite surprising. ens the peace of the world so long as his hens or fatten his hogs or feed his It is permitted to exist, and the power cattle. But on thinking it over the which has made Germany great in stockman discovers that it may be rigors of the wilderness have often veloping to the fullest a vital national other respects, the power of intelli-cheaper to eliminate poor stock and gence, industry, and of organization keep on feeding good stock. Stock in the jungle with his pigskin volfor the legitimate activities of civi- feeds cost at least four times as much Bized life. Who has ever proposed to as formerly; therefore raise only superior stock, and make the animal worthy of its keep.

There is in progress what Farm ppon the German people any form of and Fireside terms a drive for stock government other than that of their betterment. In that improvement, at least, we shall gain something from the war, and we may, at its end, arrive at the same stock standards that European countries have for many years nmintained.

It is the old lesson of the war-building on misfortune. The history of the war, after all, will not be wholly a story of achievements in battle. And the intelligent farmer has responded to the universal stimulus.

Ebbets Swings Too Hard.

The president of the Brooklyn baseball club, Mr. EBBETS, has sent a circular letter to the clergymen of his borough, advocating an amendment of the old general Sunday law under which baseball games are prohibited; the law which says:

"All shooting, hunting, fishing, playing, horse racing, gaming or other public sports, exercises or shows, upon the choose their own way of life and first day of the week, and all noises disturbing the peace of the day, are pro-

> Mr. Essers's suggestion that the sport of hitting 'em a mile be excluded from the ban will find a great many supporters in this town. With its merits we are not for the mocular letter:

"It is a fact that the law is a dead letter with respect to every activity against which it is directed except baseball games at Ebbets Field."

It is a fact that the old prohibition don is almost following the words of against fishing is disregarded in a the Democratic President at Wash- great many places. It is the bluest ington. "We are the sincere friends of blue laws, for stream fishing is of the German people," said Mr. Wil. the quietest of sports. Beside it golf sox in his war message, "and shall is deafening riot. For that matter, desire nothing so much as the early golf is forbidden by the old law, comreestablishment of intimate relations ing as it does under "playing." Fishof mutual advantage between us." ing is done wherever the neighbor-Commercial boycott vindictively im- noods sanction it. Every Suday in Commercial boycott vindictively im- hoods sanction it. Every Su

posed as a punishment for war of the fishing season the nearby salt fences after peace is reestablished waters are dotted with fishing boats. has never found a place in any re- Yet there are many localities where sponsible statement of the aims and the trout fisherman rests on Sundays; purposes of the American people, not through fear of arrest, but be-

As for hunting and shooting, Mr. 4. When the war is over, we are Easers is wrong when he says that ready, in concert with other Powers, the law is a dead letter. It is true to examine a group of international that when the ducks are flying the problems, some of them of recent shooters on the Great South Bay do origin, which are connected with the not all sit idle at home, but they have question of the freedom of the seas, had their day in court, we believe, That may be dismissed as almost axi- and it has been held that the crime omatic. International sea law will was committed so far from human have to be rewritten if the peace of habitation that it wasn't crime at all. the world is to be established; and But the Sunday shooting law is obwith a view to the perpetuation of law is not a dead letter, as Mr. Esrecent origin as submarine warfare racing. When and where has he will have to be settled by the con- seen a public horse race on the first

Lord Lansbowne's suggestion Num- If Mr. Enorts is convinced that ber Four is merely preliminary to Sunday baseball will be a good thing the budget for 1918 they and the city with the compound interest that the Gov for the public-and of course that is 5. That we are prepared to enter the only consideration in the mind into an international pact under of a club owner-he should proceed which ample opportunities would be vigorously to knock the seams off the afforded for the settlement of inter- old law. But this plea that all the national disputes by penceful means, other fellows are doing it is poor In this suggestion, too, Lord Lans- sportsmanship, and in the present

Arctic Trials Old and New.

Those who read some of the more

"No opportunity did fortune miss to food, almost always of food . . "."

But the words are those of Lieu enant Firzhtigh Green, U. S. N., a member of the Crocker Land expedition, who sets forth his experiences Proceedings.

Lieutenant GREEN's part in the ex pedition was perhaps not unlike that of other explorers. It has its high lights, including a test of coal, "tolerably black bituminous mixture, which in the burning suffocated the Eskimo woman member of his party There were the meetings and separa tions of different branches of the exthe fall of 1916, a year before Mac-MILLAN was brought out of the Arctic by the relief expedition.

One of the few pictures of Mac Morray himself-for explorers rarely talk about each other-is this, which depicts a very human and classically dishevelled man:

"A fine, fat, rotten hunk of walrumeat was apportioned among the teams. which immediately outdid all former records in the violence of their ensuing might have bestowed upon a sweetheart. was the veriest dirt and exclaimed "No riots. For once MacMillan lost his Time and again his fingers sought her thank God!" patience. I photographed him out of cheeks or the curls at her temple and his sleeping bag-just out-clad in the polymant tenderness. The mother contental ments with great profit and benerage of a union suit, grimy bearded and thursday to gaze out of the window. It to myself, and I often think how propositions differ from those which perception, all his lapses from busi
propositions differ from those which perception, all his lapses from busi
himself of some fine and furious ora
himself of some fine a

In writing of one tense moment sieged by death and shrinking in a window, while her son caressed her pile of recking skins, men read "Les Misérables" in the Arctic. It is good until it became well nigh unbearable. Many Arctic expeditions have carried more or less elaborate libraries. The awakening among our people and debeen mitigated by books; Roosevelt umes is the great example. There was Lincotn, rail splitter.

Hermits, exiles and castaways allke eem to do their reading ostentatiously. De Quincey in his mountain retreat spoke of reading German metaphysics digested with the aid of it convinced me many years ago that opium. Hugo spent his exile with Shakespeare. Shipwrecked sailors on remote islands ordinarily have their Bibles, and snivel over them, Napotrox at St. Helena took comfort in books, though he never found his ideal rending, as accounts of his own affairs were denied to him. David GRAYSON used to ramble through country lanes with Montaigne in his knapsack; MARY MACLANE, while clutched in the desert arms of "this Butte," read Keats and ate cold boiled potatoes at midnight; JESSE POM-EROY, Massachusetts's famous lifer. studies the Greek philosophers. Man and his book always; is there any one who has not an ideal desert islandand are not books second only to food? And the soldlers in the trenches-

Getting back to the Arctic from coral islands and Butte and Jersey and jungles and Charlestown Prison the Crocker Land expedition-four years of one of the most searching scientific surveys ever attemptedhas a history which is far from told. Scientific and adventurous news of another character monopolizes the presses at the moment. Lieutenant GREEN's sample is promising of a ment concerned, but rather with a tremendous addition, ultimately, to sweeping statement made in the cir- Arctic literature. MacMillan found no Crocker Land; what he did find, written into comfortably readable form for all the world, will not lack

> If it had not been for the political cumen of WILLIAM E. CHANDLER of New Hampshire, who died yesterday, SAMUEL J. TILDEN undoubtedly would have been seated as President. The partisan accomplishment of the eager Republican in the election of 1876 will be remembered, however, as the least worthy of his public acts; we prefer Navy Department, His death takes one more striking personality from the interesting group of taxonics.

interested attention.

who have been active after eighty. He lasted longer than his Harvard classmate, CHOATE. LEVI P. MORTON

Retreating Turks spare the Jews .-losophy of Kultur.

The Bolsheviki are a simple folk even those who have proclaimed themselves in office. They have reduced the science of government to four rules: posed the freedom of our speech. (2) We give freedom of speech to all speech does not (3) We grant universal suffrage. (4) If universal suffrage results in the election of a legislative body opposed to our legislative programme we shall disband the legislative body.

If the Tammany Aldermen have smaller sum than the amount which Tammany orators asserted in the cam paign was to be wastefully expended

An army which is not able to provide men in sufficient numbers to est the Thanksgiving turkey provided by civilians anxious to entertain its men and officers is obviously too small for any self-respecting Power.

The robber of the Kalser's residence may have believed in the second thief of deposits in savings banks. best owner theory.

FAREWELL.

The Deep Spiritual Significance of the Boys' Leave Taking.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: At railroad junction in upper New Eng- habits of saving. It will teach the land there boarded the train a middle habit, and from that the savings banks aged woman and her son. He was clad will benefit. in khaki. There was something about number of depositors. them as they walked down the aisle of the coach that instantly compelled my CURED OF THE THEATRE. attention. They took the seat in fre of me. For some time they sat in A Former Gallery God Tells How the in the United States Naval Institute voices. I soon gathered that the mother was accompanying her soldier son a short way on his journey to his army camp. It was their farewell visit, of New York city. Perhaps one will say volumes of the affection between mother | kept my self-respect.

The mother was of that fine, robust like a criminal every the type of middle aged womanhood that a box office. I received a very small we associate with the pioneer days— salary and could not afford to buy seats strong, determined, courageous. I was in the orchestra. The balcony seats conscious of her suppressed pain and would run from fifty cents to \$1.50. With anxiety, of the will not to give way, the aid of my opera glass I could make pedition; the long Journey home in not to show her infinite sadness and a fifty cent sould do all that I could make unhappy the home leaving of her afford. I smile now when I think boy on his great mission

see the look of yearning in his eyes, on the face of the treasurer, when, if the great love and solicitude for his I was lucky, he disdainfully threw the mother, the gnawing heart pangs be tickets at me through the window,

Soon after they were scated the Academy of Music, where Chauncey strong young arms of the soldier found | Obott was playing his latest "success their way around the broad shoulders and acked if they had any fifty or of his mother. He fondled and caressed seats for the coming Saturday higher with all the gentle sentiment he. The seller gave me a look as though his petting was replete with the most substituted lectures, musicales and enface toward his with boyish eagerness

and took into her eyes his own moist "Mother, why don't you look at me? asked, with a catch in his voice I was just thinking pages of 'Les Misérables,' which I that betrays a deep, surging emotion had that peculiar even, metallic sound had laid down the night before." Be- And still she gazed intently out of the

I watched this scene for some time Such dramas are enacted dally thousands of places. Who can doubt

that they are creating a real spiritual FELIX ORMAN. NEW YORK, November 29.

THE CONSTITUTION.

Reassurance for an Old and Value Friend of "The Sun."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUNhave read THE SUN for over fifty years things: I ask it to reward my devotion and confidence by telling me what has become of the United States Constitu-WILLIAM DOUGLASS. NEW YORK, November 28.

The Constitution still lives, vigorous and unimpaired in all its provisions and offering to its lovers and defenders another series of illustrations of its marvellous adaptability to the passing necessities of a free and enlightened

Reviewing Kansas History. From the Topeka Capital.

achievements as Governor of Kansus, if there were any, have long beer forgotten, but his feat of running a shoestring into a tannery still is remembered by all of the old timers. He went to the Populist State Convention at Salina in 1806 with a \$5 bill and came away with a omination for Governor.

Answering an Old Complaint From the Atlanta Constitution

A Georgia farmer advertises that Folks who are always complaining that they never had a show can get one by applying to me. I'll give 'em all the show want on a ten acre farm, ten hours

"Les Portugals Sont Toujours Gais!" (An episode of the Foreign Legion.) The name he gave to us was Smith, And musbe that was right of life is fight, fight, fight; And fight he could, with tiger apring But no more so than he could play. "Les Portugals sont toujours gals!"

He didn't seem to know much French Beyond "na poo" and "wee,"
But round our section of the trench
He'd carol bilesfully. Defying mud and wet and shell-"Les Portugais sont toujours gais!"

I don't know as to Portuguese. But this I know is aure For our crowd's blues that ancie Would always work a cure! eniping boche got Smith one night. Still chaers us as we fight the fight "Les Portugale sont toujours gale!"

THE THRIFT CARDS.

The "United States Government GEORGE F. EDMUNDS and CHAUNCEY M. Thrift Card" is the official name for an attractive card which, once folded. somewhat resembles a folded Govern the gaver of small sums of money may Thus followers of MOHAMMED reveal attach sixteen twenty-five cent thrift their incapacity to assimilate the phi- stamps, and with that and a few cents since the Thirty Years war, added buy a \$5 war saving certificate This card, it may be, will receive the widest circulation any Government publication ever received. In the common use of the word the card a publication because it contains besides the simple instructions for the bower of thrift stamps a page of thrift tabloid form are also printed in the sixteen spaces ruled off for the placing of thrift stamps.

The scheme is best set forth in this question and answer printed on the face of the card as it is folded: by do I get a \$5 war saving certificat

The \$5 is payable January 1, 1925 It actually been able to save \$1.854,000 in includes the return to you of your money are to be congratulated; but it is well eroment will pay you. The sooner you fit to bear in mind that this is a much up and exchange your thrift card for a war saving certificate stamp the more in terest you will receive.

One paragraph reminds the reader that "A loan of only twenty-five cents by every person in the nation will provide the United States Government

The Treasury and Post Office de partments working together in the campaign hope to present conspic uously all the arguments before every person in the United States over fourteen years of age. It was thought by some that this might work out a loss banks, however, will work with the Government to popularize this new saving campaign. Aside from the patriotism of the banks which would prompt them to this action thes realize that in helping the scheme they are helping themselves. It is a bli and authoritative movement to teach So will their increased

Box Office Helped Him.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Years ago I gave up patronizing the theatres Every word, every movement, spoke that was my loss; Jendall's but I have

how I used to approach the hox office i The son was a splendid type of fine fear and trembling, and tremulously ask young manhood, a fair haired, likable for a fifty cent seat about two weeks American in his early twenties I could ahead. I can see yet the rook of disgust I remember once going to the old

Since giving up the theatres I have me real stuff at one-third the cost "Give me back my galleries!" shouted Charles Frohman some years ago. Well, they will never get them back, for the gallery patrons long ago got out of the it of attending the theatres, due

Reply From "Bamboozle Proof" to Manager Dillingham.

raparlousness of the managers

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT. When Mr. Dillingham quotes he surely should so correctly Careful reading of previous letter to THE SUN will conce him that I was not insistent up procuring tickets for the Saturday following the date I applied for them, and further that the tickets were re quested for a matinee and not for an

Surely no one has ever accused Mr. billingham of selling tickets in adance of the regular price at his box The law fully covers this matter, and Mr. Dellingham is too clever a theatcal manager to take any such chances. office of one of the popular plays and recured two tickets in the eleventh NEW YORK, No ow. When I asked the gentleman a the window whether these were the best seats that he could let me have he re died. "This is the first row of seats which has not been sold to the agencies.

A great many of my friends are anxious to see "Jack o' Lantern." Will Mr. Dillingham please let me know through THE SUN how many desirable tickets they can obtain at the box office for any Saturday evening performance which he may name?

EDWIN A. PERLS. NEW YORK, November 29,

A Story of Empty Front Rows. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Sat.

rday I went to a drug store and purhased seats more reasonably than I ould have bought them at the theatre n fact, I could not get any at the box Other agencies take advantage of the public and charge exorbitant

The last eight rows in the balcony were filled, and yet the second and third tunity. We have a very nice location ows were empty all the way across. I have often thought it would be kinder will finish. He have very comfortable to fill up those empty rows from the barracks and the time we spend here back so everybody could see and hear, will remain among our pleasant memoeven if it is done after the first act. If the theatres would stick to the old time way of selling seats at the theatre only. I am sure everybody would be INTERESTED.

NEW YORK, November 29.

A Bird Dead From Natural Cause.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In is letter on the perenniality of steamoats, "D. A. C." refers to a theory that pobody ever finds the body of a wild bird hat has died from natural causes. One ay while I was strolling through the Magnolia Cemetery in Charleston, S. C., zard lying on the mound of a grave, and convinced myself that the bird had died of natural causes, for I examined it closely to see if there were any gun younds or other marks of violence on it phone calls in this country last year, only J. S. A. and I found none.

LOVED WEED.

Tobacco for Two Hundred Years Has

Been an Important Military Factor. bacco for our soldiers? Yes! Why not? It has been used by soldiers ever weight in silver, and was often smoked in silver pipes. At some English din-ners "one pipe was handed from man menace to the prosperity of the couna pipe to each American soldier so far preparations. It was estimated after as they go round. The duty alone in the United States entered the war

was manifested by the Americans." Moultrie and several of his officers

he deliberately took his tinder box from after his leg was amputated the General roads are in danger of not being able

stantly mounted guard by relief at be unable to keep themselves warm Morrisania, near New York. A British this winter. sentinel on one side of the creek at Why does this condition exist? It that place asked the American, who exists mainly because the coal prowas nearly opposite him, if he would ducers of the United States have disgive him a chew of tobacco. The lat- played a sordid selfishness, a want of across the creek to the other, who after otism. The railways, foreseeing the large traffic of every kind than they biting off a quid sent the remainder course of developments, organized ever did before, and yet during at

music is to most religions. We should properly organized themselves to meet contribute to the boys' comfort while the country's need for fuel. The railwe can.

from 1812 to the civil war. It is the keeping their employees sufficiently only very old tobacco song with notes satisfied to avoid interference with and on music sheet found in many years their operations, except in a few spoof collecting that also mentions sol- radic cases. The coal producers have diers. It was published about 1805 by shown such want of fairness, diplo-1. & M. Paff at 127 Broadway, New York city. It is a translation from the their labor that month after month the French and was printed in old English style.

BROOKLYN, November 29.

"A Pipe de Tabec."

whose the face of moping sorrow.

Who would stem the surge of grief. Who made fair life end to-morros

In tobacco finds relief: What the this charm of life I prize Still love's nectar sweet to sip And gazing on Nan's beauteous eyes.

My pipe forgotten quits the lip.

The soldier mid his hard campaign Smoking drives all cares afar And on the wild tempesiques main.

But when the maid he loves shall s Beauty dancing in her eyes, hey from his lips the pipe begulle. The glowing weed forgotten dies

Love and a jovial pipe 'tis said. ould fortune tear me from my dear If aught my grief wet eye could wipe

IN THE LION'S DEN. The Red Cross Aspirants Are Invited

to kult and Sew. TO THE ELECTOR OF THE SUN-SIT! Mr. W. Griffith and her band of Red Cross aspirants can find all the accommodations they may need in the Zoolog cal Park, and they will be receivedfiguratively-with open arms. There are abundant space, light, warmth, fresh air, awaiting just such a patriotic declara-

n as Mra Griffith's The officers of the Zoological Park have maintained and conducted a Red Cross working base in the lion house of the park ever since diplomatic relations with Germany were severed. The workers connected with the station have completed great quantities of the standardized Red Cross articles, materials for which were purchased from funds raised

by the officers' committee. We are not as centrally located as Mrs. Griffith and her friends may desire but what patriot minds such triffing in convenience in these times when the slightest effort may do some good?

The officers of the Zoological Pari will give them every assistance in their power, and as their spokesman I earnestly request Mrs. Griffith, or any other women interested in this work, to con-NEW YORK, November 30.

SAFE ARRIVAL.

Happened to the Sub! To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT was my good fortune to have the privi lege of meeting four young men in New York city who had volunteered in the Aviation Corps and whose homes were in the State of Texas.

I enclose a copy of a letter which have received from one of these men, who is now with the American expeditionary forces in France. The letter speaks a mlendid spirit, in line with the spirit that I have found exists among all the men and officers that it has been my good fortune to meet, both in the army and in the navy. HARRY A. MUNN.

NEW YORK, November 36

Have been intending to write you eve since we landed, but have been moving and everything is very pleasant. We are Great opportunities have presented

themselves and every one has a good chance. Since leaving New York I have had one promotion in the shape of a corporalship-not much, but very good for a start. Had an immensely interesting trip

over. Had an encounter with a sub. It was exciting, to say the least. All the boys send best regards.

> We hope despite the dole. Despite the shortage talk, We get sufficient coal

There were nearly 14.000,000,000 two of which got us out of bed after 11:30 Naw Jones Namember 30. 2 - 12 | big | objectors see or our or one THE STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE P

THE SOLDIER AND HIS BE. WHERE LIES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COAL SHORTAGE?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: To- With the Coal Producers Themselves and Not With the Railways, One Railway Journal Replies.

From the Ballway Age Gazette.

The coal situation is becoming a While these facts are obvious, the to man round the tables." Now we send try and to the success of its military war are practical men. The Fuel Adminis-1645 on tobacco to England from Brazil that in order to meet both the indus- tration seems to be composed chieft was about \$15 a "pudding" or "roll." | trial and military needs of this coun-In our Revolutionary war, at Fort try the production in 1917 should show

000,000 tons, or about 17 per cent. This increased production is not besmoked their pipes during the action ing attained. At the end of October and only removed them when they had the increase was only 41,000,000 tons. or less than 10 per cent., shead of that At the battle of Oriskany General for the corresponding period of 1916. Herkimer was shot in the leg and was In consequence, there is a general

propped against a tree trunk, where he shortage of coal for domestic, for incontinued to give orders. "In this sit- dustrial and for other puposes. The uation and in the heat of the onslaught concerns engaged in the manufacture of munitions complain that maximum his pocket, lit his pipe and smoked output by them is prevented by in-"Immediately ability to get sufficient coal. The railsat up in bed and enjoyed a smoke from to get enough. The householders in communities all over the country are In September, 1776, a picket of 450 being rationed by their dealers and men from General Heath's division con- live in constant dread lest they shall

ter having a thick, twisted roll, tossed it business capacity and a lack of patrithemselves to meet the In all our wars our boys used to- transportation needs during the war bacco—when they could get it. Tobacco within five days after the war was de-is as necessary to most soldiers as clared. The coal producers have not ways, in spite of the seriousness of Here is a song that was popular their labor situation, have succeeded in macy and capacity in dealing with reports of the United States Geological Survey have shown that mines all over had more effect in limiting the total the country have been working to output of the mines than did the car much less than their capacity because been obliged to go on rendering their service for the same rates that they had before the war, but during the five months ending with August they han- vantages of this practice is commend dled 16 per cent. more freight than in the same months of last year, and in cumulation in front of their does the months from May to October they which they find it so convene transported 18 per cent, more coal than last year. The coal producers, on the other hand, succeeded in getting the Government to fix prices for coal in Government operation of industries vastly higher than any ever known but if there is any industry in American before the conditions created by the ica which since this country enterpresent war; but in spite of these high prices they have exerted themselves ation of Government seizure and ope-

USELESS TRAVEL.

A Convert to the Desirability of Gov. An Important and Annoying Symbol ernment Permits.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! When I read of the proposition to require all hose travelling on the railroads to Bear" you have used the noun "dv obtain permits after showing cause It nik" instead of "izvostchik." The "dvo thought it a piece of paternalistic jack- lik" is only a caretaker, and experiences of "trolka." the last few days with the New York Central trains packed with women has put a wabble in my convictions, and least he was under the old regime, a per

ion only about 10 per cent.

such permits might be good after all. We must have commerce, which quasi-official position, being responsed makes the money to pay the bills, and to the police in the important or, ratio ties of the war, because both of these not move from one room into another nings sustain and support the country; the same house without notifying but it is dollars to doughnuts that 99 dvornik of the change, which be per cent of these women were on no furn had to report to his police ; such errands bent.

This would be one of the schemes upon the passport. Of course "co promulgated to advance economy which erations" were always in order would actually save the individual As I lived in that unfortunate ALBERT SELWYN.

Buffato, November 28. TRADE BRIEFS.

Brazil's coffee crop, it is estimated, will exceed in size the crops of other years As difficulty has been experienced in ship ping coffee to former buyers in Europe, in ications are that prices will be low The city authorities of Glasgow, Scat-rand, plan to utilize waste paper in the making of inferior grades of paper. Bustness houses, schools and private individuals will assist in the collection. The wastmaterial will bring to the city a revenue for this year of about \$50,000.

One hundred and eighteen miles of lectric railways are to be built and perated in Guadeloupe. Passengers, bag gage and freight and mail will be carried. American manufacturers interested in sup-plying material for this project should write to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, 724 Custom House, New York, and refer to file No. 94925.

installation of a hydroelectric plant furnish electric power to the cities of Bar-quisimeto and Yaritagua, Venezuela. The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, 734 Custom House, this city, will sands of families who are dependent supply information about these plans to persons who refer to file No. 94961a. Rollers, tractors, concrete mixers, rails, dirt cars and other equipment will be

needed for the rebuilding of the business account of war conditions, but I section of Bergen, Norway, which was destroyed by fire in 1916. Suggestions owners and employees alike who and literature will be welcomed by the Bergens Stadsingenforkontor. A substitute for sugar is being ex

tracted from grapes in the Turin, I consular district. The grape sugar sembles honey, contains no water and can diers and their families. be conserved for long periods of time. is popularly known as "honey of grapes." New and reconstructed typewriters, cal-culating machines and paper sewing apparatus are needed by a Spanish firm Rebuilt typewriters are also needed

An Italian firm is in the market pitch pine, satin nut and mahogany for the making of furniture Automatic looms for the working of woo are wanted in Spain.

A foreign Government wishes to receive catalogues, price lists and and full infor-mation about peanut shellers and other peanut working and cultivating machinery. Surgical supplies are needed in Spain.

An Urgent Call.

From the Mummoth Spring Sun. Give us items of news. We will print tem. Don't be bashful about it. There is nothing gives us more pleasure than to report a birth. If it happens to be twins so much the better. We are just crany about weddings, and have been ever since re married, and wife swears she was crary before she married. We don't like o record deaths, but if you are a patron of this paper we shall express deep re-gret at your passing. Tell us all and we will nothing extenuate or set down aught de mailes bis tant area at teagitions

of theorists. To all appearances the Fuel Administration, which was cre-Moultrie, "a most remarkable coolness an increase over that of 1916 of 100 ated largely to control and promote the production of coal, has fallen up der the control of those it was created to regulate. Having failed to meet the require ments of the situation, the coal producers are engaged in the familiapractice of crying "Stop thief:" National Coal Association, an orgazation formed apparently to increase

the output of misinformation rather

than the output of coal, is issuing

frequent statements intended to fix the

blame for the fallure to secure ade

Government Fuel Administration as

Washington does not seem to have

discovered them. The coal producers

quate production of coal upon the rail roads But the reports the coal producers make to the United States Geological Survey, taken at their face value, disclose a very different situation from the statements being given out

public consumption. During the eight mouths since the United States entered the war the railways have not only handled a vastly larger coal traffic, but a vastly of every kind than they country's | least three-fourths of this period reports of the Geological Survey have shown that most of the failure of the mines to secure their theoretical "full time output" has been due to causes other than "car shortage." logical Survey classifies the causes of failure to secure "full time outpot under the headings, "Car Shortage." "Labor Shortage and Strikes," "Min-Disability," "No Market," and "No Cause Given." The combination of causes resulting from conditions under the control of the coal producer themselves during twelve weeks out of the eighteen ending with November 3

shortage. There is a tradition that the street of ancient Jerusalem were kept clear by every man sweeping in front of h Consideration of the aded to the producers of coal. The a overlook, is very large compared with that in front of the railways' doe Railway Age Gazette does not believe the war has justified serious co sufficiently to increase their product ation of it, that industry is the industry.

THE DVORNIK.

of Graft and Oppression.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SU your editorial article "The Land of assism which should be squelched in nothing to do with the "droshka" of

The "dvornik" is a creature to found only in Russia. He is, or son to be reckoned with. He held cinct and there have the change storn

As I lived in that unfortunate count till my twenty-fourth year "you take it from me" that it will be the cie man "izvostchik" who will be been

out of the troiks. JOSEPH STREET,

New Your, November 30.

"Dvornik" was deliberately med convey the picture of a grafting funtionary and tool of autocracy "izvostchik" is better suited to the fiure indulged in.

CANDY IN WAR TIME Forced Reductions Have Been Made Is a Standstill Desirable?

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SH read a letter from one of your spondents the other day who felt of well contented with tomself because and had had the self-will to give up out is candy since the great European war t-Plans are under consideration for the same, evidently thinking this a consistency of a hydroelectric plant to pairlotte duty. Did he step for a very pairlotte duty. gan, and he urged that all others do the ment to consider that the candy in his in America supports hundreds of the their living upon the continuance of

> The candy makers have been surfaced to great reductions in their owners and employees althe who permitted to all the appeals made Government and different services 6 the betterment of the conditions of a

Why not let this industry and under the forced reductions made. sary by war conditions without and cry against discontinuing the to ture of what is considered to a as a luxury? The Governments of the one and America long ago action of eandy as a necessary article of to the L. Southam All and

BROOKLYN, November 30 WHAT IS THE SECRET

An Inquiry for Advocates of Govern ment Ownership to Ausser. TO THE EDITOR OF THE STREET make so bold as to ask way

ment ownership of railroads is exall transportation difficulties What evidence have we that the tiernment can run the radionals than railroad men? If it can, why does it have men like Mr. Willard to do the a "li Personally I am willing to work

the cost of transportation w we to political management W. B. Lipt. F.

Tolland, Conn., November 25.